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Bills: S.B. No. 45 (Comm) An Act Concerning the Learn Here, Live Here Program

**H.B. No. 5267 An Act Concerning the Department of Economic and Community
Development's Strategic Planning Regarding the Promotion of Arts and Culture**

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From personal experience knowing friends and colleagues who have taken advantage of this bill I continue to support the institutions of higher education who are responsible for vetting their students as temporary residents while studying in the state of Connecticut and may be future residents of the state who will enter the workforce should they stay in state. I strongly encourage communication between institutions of higher education and employers to ensure those who stay in state and take advantage of this bill be well vetted and demonstrate respect for the community where they reside and the residents of Connecticut who are well established here.

**H.B. No. 5267 An Act Concerning the Department of Economic and Community
Development's Strategic Planning Regarding the Promotion of Arts and Culture**

As a member of the music and arts community, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the arts. I am a music teacher, member of the Professional Development committee for the Connecticut Music Educators Association, a volunteer for the Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition, Grant Reviewer for the Connecticut Office of the Arts, and overall advocate for the arts. I am amazed by the work that has been done to advocate for the arts. The communication and improvements in the arts sector have had a tremendous impact on the residents of Connecticut and the youth in the state who show continuous appreciation of the arts and culture. I look forward to the future of the arts in Connecticut and helping to ensure the success of the arts sector through this important work.